Appln. No.: 10/017,654

Amendment dated April 4, 2005

Reply to Office Action of March 7, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed March 7, 2005, claims 1-29 were deemed subject to a restriction and or election requirement. More specifically, restriction is required for Group I (Claims 1-20 and 23-25) and Group II (Claims 21-22 and 26-29).

By this response, the Applicant provisionally elects Group I without traverse. Claims 21-22 and 26-29 have been withdrawn.

The Applicant's election is without prejudice or admission with respect to the Applicant's right to re-file the withdrawn claims in a continuing application. No new matter has been introduced into the application. The claims as now presented are believed to be in allowable condition. The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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